

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The claims stand rejected based upon WO 00/06379; Pawlicki and/or Davison.

Claim 1 has, however, been amended to provide the inserts which are compressible and have interior voids. Dependent claims 3 and 4 are directed now towards inserts that are in the form of helixes. None of the references provide for an insulation material having a plurality of layers with inserts therebetween which are compressible whilst having internal voids. The reference WO 00/06379 talks of parallel strips but does not state what they are. Pawlicki talks of metal support rods while Davison talks of a monofilament web. There is simply nothing in these references taken alone or in combination which teach or suggest the insulation materials as claimed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance a notice of which is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,
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